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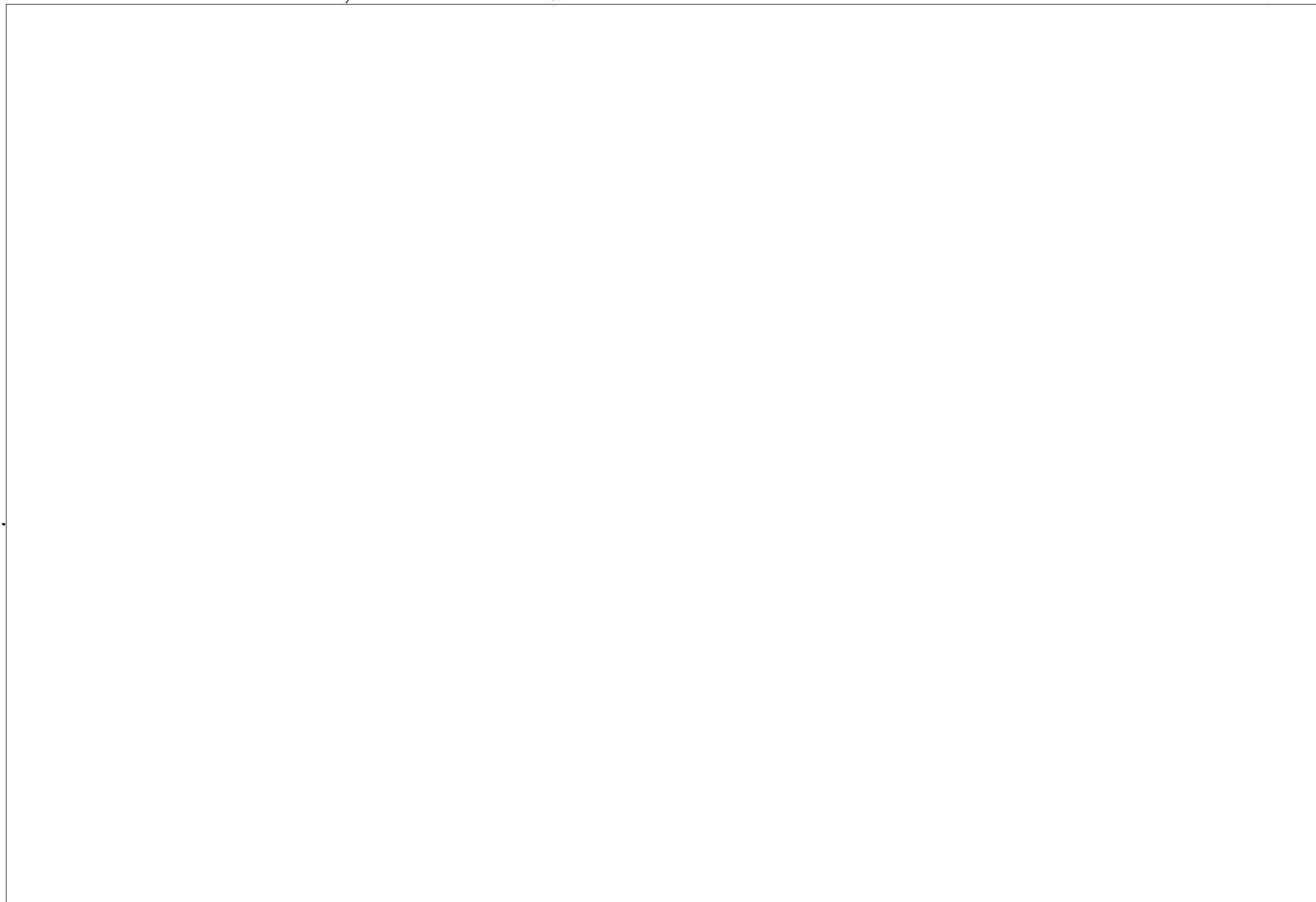
As you all know, President Reagan has placed high priority on the rebuilding of our intelligence capabilities. Early in 1981, he directed a study of the intelligence capabilities which will be needed to meet the challenges anticipated through this decade. We completed this study in December of 1981, briefed it to the President, and he endorsed our undertaking it. This process started some time ago and today several new collection systems are being built. They will greatly improve our ability to collect information every day on a broad range of policy issues, provided we are able to effectively process and disseminate the increased quantity and coverage they will provide.

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We are all aware of the money crunch with which we must struggle. I am presenting this picture to you for the purpose of emphasizing the need to evaluate and sort out competitive requirements and to maintain a wedge in the out year budget while it is all being sorted out. We will all want to see some of these new initiatives in the National Foreign Intelligence Program go forward in order to make effective use of new collection systems in which huge investments have already been made. The investments to process and disseminate a new and expanded collection are necessary to convert these investments into critical information for the Secretary of Defense and the CINCs during the second half of this decade.

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Finally, there are the people issues. Without taking your time for details, the intelligence objectives which are becoming increasingly complex and critical and the way we deal with them, it is clear that we still need more humint and more analysts. This is relatively small bucks, but we have made a good start on rebuilding human and analytical capabilities which had been allowed to fall off very badly during the 70s, and much of what we have done will be wasted if we fail to maintain the rebuilding of the people, talents, and skills which we have under way.